

HOUSE BILL 1114

By Farmer

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68;
Title 69 and Title 70, relative to boats.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 9, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Motorboats that carry passengers for hire shall be inspected and approved by the Tennessee wildlife resources agency, even if the vessel holds a valid certificate of inspection issued by the United States coast guard, or any federal agency successor to the coast guard.

(b) Any person operating a motorboat carrying passengers for hire shall be licensed under this part, even if the person holds a valid motorboat operator's license issued by the United States coast guard, or any federal agency successor to the coast guard.

(c) Motorboats that carry passengers for hire shall:

(1) Only operate during the hours between ten o'clock a.m. (10:00 a.m.) and five o'clock p.m. (5:00 p.m.) on Monday through Friday;

(2) Only operate during the hours between ten o'clock a.m. (10:00 a.m.) and six o'clock p.m. (6:00 p.m.) on Saturday and Sunday;

(3) Not travel at a speed greater than a no-wake speed within one hundred feet (100') of any private or public dock or boat ramp;

(4) Not travel at any time at a speed greater than thirty miles per hour (30 mph);

(5) Be subject to the noise level restrictions under part 3 of this chapter;
and

(6) Not perform the maneuver commonly called a "donut" within five hundred feet (500') of any private vessel or the shoreline.

(d) A person violating this section commits a Class A misdemeanor and, upon conviction of an offense, shall be fined not less than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) nor more than four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for each offense.

(e) This section shall only apply in a tourist resort county, as defined in § 42-1-301.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.